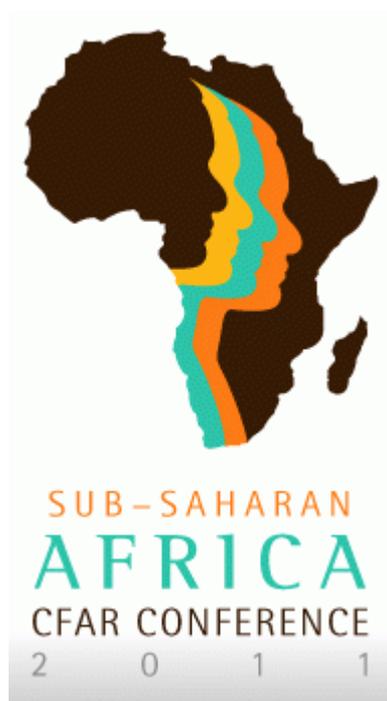


Inter-CFAR Collaboration in Sub-Saharan Africa (CFAR-SSA)



[1] **CFAR Sub-Saharan Africa Working Group (CFAR-SSA)**

The CFAR Sub-Saharan Africa Working Group [2] (CFAR-SSA) was formed in 2011 under the leadership of the UCSF-Gladstone CFAR. In November 2012 the leadership was transferred to the Johns Hopkins CFAR to build upon initial accomplishments and enthusiasm.

The goals of the CFAR-SSA working group include

- Promote new collaborative research opportunities: The CFAR-SSA will develop, improve, and promote multidisciplinary and inter-CFAR research conducted by its members directed at high-priority scientific and public health challenges.
- Mentor young SSA investigators: The CFAR-SSA will provide a unique, collaborative, and cross-institutional capacity building setting for young investigators working in SSA.

First CFAR-SSA Meeting in Kampala - 2011



Opening Panel, 2011 Sub-Saharan Africa CFAR Conference

The inaugural Sub-Saharan Africa CFAR Conference took place on May 26-27, 2011 in Kampala, Uganda. Planned by a joint African-U.S. Steering Committee, the meeting was co-chaired by the UCSF-GIVI CFAR Co-Directors and their African colleagues Moses Kanya (Makerere University) and Doreen Ramogola-Masire (Botswana-UPenn Partnership).

The meeting brought together nearly **240 investigators** representing **19 domestic CFARs** and their **collaborators from 13 African countries**. Emphasizing South-South networking and actively engaging junior investigators from Africa, the program provided a unique platform for both scientific and information exchange. A workshop on manuscript writing, followed by several mentoring breakout sessions, preceded the 2-day scientific program. [3]

See also the full conference report [1].

Second CFAR-SSA Meeting in Cape Town - 2013



2013 Cape Town Meeting Participants

The 2nd Biannual Meeting of the CFAR Sub-Saharan Africa Working Group (CFAR-SSA) took place in Cape Town, South Africa, on December 6-7, 2013, immediately preceding the 17th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA). This working group meeting, organized by the Johns Hopkins CFAR, continued the tradition and dialogue begun in Kampala and provided a unique opportunity to build new collaborations while leveraging CFAR research resources in the region. CFAR supported the participation of UCSF-affiliated scientists from East Africa and co-sponsored a skills-building workshop focusing on grantwriting and development of specific aims.

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